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1. FONMIN FELLEKE'S STATEMENT TO AFRICAN CHIEFS OF MISSION FEB 17 WAS REPORTED BY EGYPTIAN COUNSELOR AS HAVING INCLUDED DIRECT PERSONAL CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT CARTER. PERTINENT PASSAGE OF STATEMENT, AS REPORTED ETHIOPIAN PRESS, RELATES ONLY TO USG AND READS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE
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YOU WILL RECALL THAT 10 DAYS AGO, ON 7 FEBRUARY TO BE EXACT, PRESIDENT SADAT REVEALED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THAT HE HAD ALREADY SENT ARMS TO SOMALIA AND THAT HE WAS CONSIDERING OF SENDING MORE ALONG WITH EGYPTIAN TROOPS. THE PURPOSE OF SADAT'S ARMS AND TROOP ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA IS, OF COURSE, NONE OTHER THAN TO ADVANCE SOMALIA'S EXPANSIONISM INITIALLY AT THE EXPENSE OF ETHIOPIA AND IN VIOLATION OF THE OAU

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AND UNITED NATIONS CHARTERS AND DECISIONS. IN EFFECT, SADAT'S ACTIONS ARE TANTAMOUNT TO UNDERMINING THE OAU AD CONTEMPTUOUS OF ALL THE EFFORTS UNDERWAY BY BLACK AFRICAN STATEMEN. THAT SADAT'S STATEMENT HAD TO BE MADE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IS EVEN MORE OMINOUS TO BLACK AFRICA IN THAT APPARENTLY SADAT IS ENGAGED IN BARTERING THE INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND STABILITY OF THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN THIS REGION FOR SOPHISTICATED AMERICAN WEAPONS WITH THE FULL BLESSING OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. END QUOTE.

2. IT IS STILL POSSIBLE THAT FELLEKE MENTIONED PRESIDENT CARTER IN REMARKS TO DIPLOMATS, AND WE SHALL ATTEMPT TO FIND THIS OUT.
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